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Efficiency of Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Major Ports are suffering from slow growth rate and losing their market share to non-major ports in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor during each of the last three years and the current year; and
(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that operational efficiency of these ports is at par with global ports like Singapore and Antwerp?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b): The traffic in Major Ports has been steadily growing. The overall traffic handled by the Major Ports during the last three years and the current year upto October, 2016 is given below:
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(In Million Tonnes)
Year Traffic handled
2013-14 555.49
2014-15 581.34
2015-16 606.37
2016-17
(Upto October, 2016) 370.45

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(c): The operational efficiency of Major Ports continues to improve as a result of modernization, mechanization, acquiring of latest technology and deepening of drafts. In 2015, an international benchmarking consultants conducted a study of Major Ports. The study has recommended 116 initiatives for various Major Ports to enhance their efficiency & productivity to international benchmarks. Of the 116 initiatives, 62 have already been implemented as a result of which the overall average turn around time & productivity of the Major Ports has improved considerably. The remaining initiatives are under process and will be implemented by 2019. Implementation of these initiatives would further improve the efficiency & productivity of the Major Ports.
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